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PRESS RELEASE

Region VI Endows New Convention Presentation Prizes

SEARCY, Ark.—Students at the 2018 Alpha Chi convention in Portland, Oregon, will have two more endowed presentation prizes to vie for thanks to the generosity of the members of Region VI. The delegates from Region VI voted to endow two new prizes, the Peg FitzGerald Prize in Political Science and the Ann Kneavel Prize in Economics, honoring two of their long-time national leaders.

Dr. Peg FitzGerald, professor of criminal justice and co-sponsor of the New York Mu chapter at Pace University-Westchester, served Region VI as secretary-treasurer from 2000-12. The region nominated her for the 2009 Distinguished Service Award. As a regional secretary-treasurer, she became a member of Alpha Chi's National Council during those years. Elected as president of the Council in 2011, she served until 2015. Known by all who worked with her for her ready wit, generous spirit, and determined work ethic, FitzGerald was instrumental in revising the Alpha Chi Constitution and guiding the society through a chief executive transition.

Dr. Ann Kneavel is a retired professor of humanities and former sponsor of the Delaware Beta chapter at Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, Delaware. Region VI nominated her for the 2001 Distinguished Service Award. Kneavel was elected to the National Council as an at-large member for two four-year terms, serving from 2003-2011. She served capably on several of the standing committees of the Council in those years, most notably the Chapter Workshop Committee, which created high-intensity chapter training sessions for national convention delegates.

New presentation prizes may be endowed by individuals, chapters, or regions for \$2,000. A complete list of the current presentation prizes given annually is available on the conventions tab of the Alpha Chi website, AlphaChiHonor.org. To determine which academic areas need additional prizes or which ones have yet to be endowed, please contact the national office or Dr. Trisha Yarbrough.

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society invites to membership juniors, seniors, and graduate students from all disciplines in the top ten percent of their classes. Active on nearly 300 campuses nationwide, chapters induct more than 10,000 students annually. Since the Society's founding in 1922, Alpha Chi members have dedicated themselves to "making scholarship effective for good." Alpha Chi is a member in good standing of the Association of College Honor Societies, the only national accrediting body for collegiate honor societies.

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